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SUBJ: VISIT TO WASHINGTON OF CPO HISHAM NAZIR

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1. SAUDI EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT NAZIR INTENDS TO ADHERE TO SCHEDULE DESPITE RAMADAN AND ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON LATE EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 26. THEREFORE, NO NEED FOR EMBASSY TO CHECK WITH NAZIR RE HIS SCHEDULE.

2. IN VIEW OF NAZIR DECISION TO DEFER VISIT TO WASHINGTON UNTIL AFTER STANFORD RESEARCH INSTITUTE SEMINAR, IT UNLIKELY HE WILL BE ABLE MEET WITH TREASURY SECRETARY SHULTZ AND UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CASEY. BOTH ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN NAIROBI FOR IMF/IBRD MEETINGS AT TIME NAZIR WILL BE IN WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, DEPUTY TREASURY SECRETARY SIMON, WHO WILL BE ACTING TREASURY SECRETARY, IS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETINGS WITH NAZIR. WE WILL ALSO BE ARRANGING FULL SCHEDULE OF
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APPOINTMENTS FOR NAZIR TO MEET OTHER APPROPRIATE USG

OFFICIALS.

3. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS THAT SAUDI OIL MINISTER YAMANI AND PETROMIN GOVERNOR ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND SRI SEMINAR SEPTEMBER 14-21. YAMANI IN FACT SCHEDULED TO CHAIR ONE

OF THE SESSIONS DEVOTED TO ENERGY. WHILE WE NOTE OPEC SCHEDULED TO MEET IN GENEVA SEPTEMBER 15, WHICH COULD PREVENT YAMANI TRAVEL TO US, WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR DEPARTMENT KNOW IF YAMANI AND TAHIR INTEND TO BE IN US FOR SRI SEMINAR AND IF THEY ALSO PLANNING STOP IN WASHINGTON THEREAFTER. WHILE WE HAVE NOT PLANNED ISSUE FORMAL INVITATIONS TO YAMANI OR TAHIR TO VISIT WASHINGTON, WE WOULD OF COURSE BE HAPPY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR CALLS FOR THEM ON HIGH LEVEL USG OFFICIALS EITHER SEPARATELY OR TOGETHER WITH NAZIR. ROGERS

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